Suburban trains on Central/Western Railways in Mumbai

1212. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total number of suburban trains plying on Central/ Western Railways in Mumbai;

(b) what is the total sitting capacity in these trains;

(c) what is the number of daily commutors using the Railway service; and

(d) what is the daily average revenue earned by Railway from these suburban commutors ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA) : (a) At present, 1080 and 923 suburban trains (EMU) are running on Central and Western Railways, respectively on week days (Monday to Friday).

(b) The capacity of a suburban train is 1724 passengers i.e. 852 seating and 872 standing.

(c) Approximately 53.05 lakhs passengers per day are carried by both Central and Western Railways in Bombay suburban area.

(d) Rs. 76.31 lakhs during 1991-92.

Demand to hand over the management of Railway Book Stalls to the Cooperative Societies

1213. SHRI N.E. BALARAM : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the All India Citizen Committee, Delhi in their letter dated 3-8-92 has demanded that the management of Railway Book Stalls be handed over to the cooperative societies of workers of Railway Book Stalls, agents and other reputed publishers/ writers etc. on the enhanced rate of royalty on gross sales turn over and the monopoly of certain particular companies be abolished gradually; and

(b) if so, the details and Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, some representations have been received in this regard. The matter is under consideration of this Ministry.

Suppliers of Railway Sleepers in South Central Railway

1214. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of registered suppliers of Railway Sleepers in South Central Railway; and

(b) the names and details of such Registered Suppliers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA) : (a) There is no system of registration of Suppliers of the concrete sleepers on the Railways. There are, however, eight firms which have been awarded contracts for manufacture and supply of prestressed concrete sleepers to the South Central Railway :

Wooden special sleepers for turnouts and bridges are supplied by the State Govt. Corporations/Agencies through the Ministry of Environment & Forests.

(b) The names and addresses of eight suppliers of concrete sleepers on South Central Railway are as under :—

Name of firm	Factory at
1. M/s. Mysore Structurals Ltd., 12, Palace Road Bangalore-560052.	Hafeezpet.
2. M/s. Concrete Products & Const. Co., 766, Poonamallee High Road, Madras-10	Kondapali
3. M/s. Rayalseema Concrete Sleeper (P) Ltd., 152-205, Maharajgang, Hydrabad-500012.	Timmencharela.
4. M/s. Raghvendra Prestress Products Ltd., 152-205 Maharajganj, Hyderabad-500012.	Mantralayam Road
5. M/s. Coromandal Concrete Products Ltd., 5-9-30/1/20, Basheer Bagh Palace, Hyderabad-500029.	Kovvur.
6. M/s. Laksmi Prestress Concrete Works, 51, SBI Colony, Vijayawada-520010.	Hasanparti Road.
7. M/s. Mahadev Industries, Nehruganj, Post Box No. 108, Gulbarga-585104.	Hospet.
8. M/s. Rayalseema Concrete Sleeper (P) Ltd., (Contract now assigned in favour of M/s. V. S. Engineering Pvt. Ltd., 3-6-272/4, Himayatnager Hyderabad).	Nallapadu

The wooden special, sleepers are being supplied by the following Govt. Undertakings/Agencies to different zonal railways including South Central Railway :

1. Andhra Pradesh State Trading Corporation Ltd., Hyderabad.
2. Forest Development Corporation of Maharashtra Ltd., Nagpur.
3. Madhya Pradesh Rajya Van Vikas Nigam, Bhopal.
4. Nagaland State Cooperative Marketing & Consumers Federation Ltd., Dimapur.
5. Gujarat State Forest Development Corporation Ltd., Vadodra.
6. State Forest Department, Bihar, Ranchi.
7. Assam Forest, Guwahati.
8. Meghalaya Forest Development Corporation, Shillong.
9. Minerals & Metals Trading Corporation of India, New Delhi (Through : Madhya Pradesh Export Corporation Bhopal (M.P.).

Allegation Against the A.H. Wheeler and Co., on the Railway Station

1215. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received representations and memoranda from many quarters including All India Railway Book Stall Workers Cooperative Industrial Society Limited (Regd.) making serious allegations against the functioning of the A.H. Wheeler and Company running book stalls on the railway stations;

(b) if so, the nature of these allegations and complaints;

(c) whether Government have looked into it;

(d) whether the demand to break up A.H. Wheeler's monopoly of book stalls on the Indian Railways has also been made; and

(e) If so, the reaction of Government in this regard ?